

Second SAC Meeting of 2019/2020 School Year

- Thursday, 23 January 2020
- 18:00 to 20:00

Participants

Administration

- Sherron Grant (Principal)
- Ann Marie Romanovich (Vice Principal)
- Patrick Boland (Community Support Worker)

Executive Committee

- Dr. Minakshi Das (President)
- Elif Denis (President)
- Dan Jakob Ofer (Secretary)
- Nadhira Soud (Treasurer)

Parents

And parents

Student Capacity

- We are at 415 pupils as of 23 January 2020!

Meetings Notes

- By Mrs. Minakshi Das
- Paid by Neighbourhood Grant
- How an educational career can help to healthy life
 - Avoid mental health issues
 - Good career
- Brainstorm ideas

- Games
- Children should differentiate between **needs** and **wants**
- Events
 - 2 April
 - 27 May
- Financial literacy workshop
- Budget:
 - 2,500 CAD
- If Job Action is not over by then teachers would not be able to bring pupils
- Where?
 - Library
 - Financial Literacy
 - 50 pupils
 - Gym
 - Fun Fair
 - Need a permit
 - Mrs. Romanovich will take care of it
- Needs to think about security
- Mrs. Grant worries about potential Job Action
- Set up a followup meeting either in person or over the phone
- Volunteers are not allowed to do the struck work of teachers
- Invite advisors
 - Teacher (if they are not on Job Action), otherwise
 - A person vetted by the board
 - An advisor from CIBC
 - Somebody that Mrs. Minakshi Das or Mr. Boland know
 - Sarah can invite an academic expert from Humber College
- We can invite vetted financial advisors

Walmart Community Well-being

- Dr. Minakshi Das has approached Walmart
- To have a community health date
- If event takes place during a school day because need a teacher on-site to supervise but there is Job Action

TD Bank Grant

- By Mrs. Minakshi Das
- Teach children about,
 - littering
 - Caring for the environment
- 1,000 - 3,000 CAD

- Application will open by end of February

Community Support Workers

- By Mr. Boland
- There are grants by JumpStart by Canadian Tire
 - Opens by end of February
- Proposal to replace an upcoming SAC meeting with ward meeting
- Mrs. Minakshi Das has spoken to Mammoliti to have a ward meeting at Derrydown
- Mrs. Grant proposes to have a combined ward and SAC meeting

Parents as Partners Conference

- By Mr. Boland
- 28 March 2020
- By Toronto District School Board
- Parents, community support workers
- Workshops about,
 - Special Education,
 - French Immersion
- Worth the effort for parents to attend

Unity as Diversity

- Past event by Mr. Boland who took students and teachers on a tour of religious institutions
- Parents are welcome
- Taken children to religious institutions of a diverse range of religions
- Teaches acceptance
- Religious institutions even provided meals
- We can do it again this year
 - Mrs. Grant suggested Education Week

Principal's Report

School Improvement Planning

- By Mrs. Grant
- Three pillars of success:
 - Achievement,
 - Well-being, and
 - Equity

- Purchased technology
 - Grade 3 have access to Chromebooks
 - Mrs. Romanovich purchased noise-cancelling headphones and assistive technology headphones
- 6,000 CAD for Renewed Math Strategy
 - Will be released to the teachers after Job Action ends
- Indigo Grant
 - Three year grant to buy classroom libraries, main library for books and e-books
 - 10 per cent in the form of cash
 - Filming on Friday, 24 January 2020
 - How a grant can help encourage pupils to read
- Mrs. Minakshi Das will send information about another grant to Mrs. Grant
- Library Renovation
 - Repaint walls
 - Furniture
 - Has to be through suppliers
 - Sarah can offer surplus furniture from Humber College (her employer) to Derrydown school
- If there is Job Action then school will not do EQAO testing
- X-Movement happens this week
 - 6,000 CAD per year
 - September has active dancing
 - January has yoga dancing
- Spent money to build Calming Corners within the classrooms, such as
 - chairs,
 - beanbags, and
 - tents
- Retraining teachers to be more effective at helping reduce violence between pupils using Restorative Action
- Mrs Grant will look into bringing emotional support dogs to help pupils deal with anxiety
 - Mrs. Denis and Mrs. Butterwick will provide contact information to Mrs. Grant
- Mr Vidiri is the office administrator
- Mrs Williams is the FI ECE till June

Resources

- By Mrs. Grant
- Mr Ghevariya is the assigned SNA (Special Needs Assistant)
- Mrs. Ikioda is another SNA
- Working to get another SNA or CYW (Child and Youth Worker)
- Mr Yorke
 - is the School Safety Monitor

- to stay till March Break

How to Calm Pupils

- By Mrs. Grant
- X-Movement
- Emotional Zones
- Calming Corners

Budget

- By Mrs. Grant
- Create a Makerspace in the library
- Waiting for application for the SWIPE and Camera needs
 - Waiting for feedback how to install
- Job Action
- Martial Arts
 - For grades 1 - 5
 - Tuesdays after school with three instructors

Assistive Technology

- By Mrs. Romanovich
- Speak into a headset in French Immersion Plans
- For pupils with Individual Education Plans
- Code of conduct to encourage pupils to *not* destroy school property
 - Parents/guardians should review with pupils

Parental Concerns

Concerns about Violence

- A parent worried about violence
- Mr. Boland advised her to talk to the principal first
- School can provide resources